



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NESHAP for Radionuclides (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), NESHAP for Radionuclides (EPA ICR Number 1100.16, OMB Control Number 2060-0191) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through March 31, 2019. Public comments were previously requested via the *Federal Register* on September 6, 2018 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0085-0014, to (1) EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), by email to a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB via email to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without

change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan P. Walsh, Radiation Protection Division, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, Mail Code 6608T, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-343-9238; fax number: 202-343-2304; email address: walsh.jonathan@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at www.regulations.gov or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Abstract: On December 15, 1989, pursuant to Section 112 of the Clean Air Act as amended in 1977 (42 U.S.C. 1857), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) to control radionuclide emissions from several source categories. The regulations are codified at 40 CFR part 61. Of the seven subparts (B, H, I, K, R, T and W) included in the 1989 rule, as currently amended, four apply to privately operated facilities. In addition to requiring operational practices that limit emissions, Subparts B, K, R, and W impose radionuclide dose and/or emission limits, respectively, to underground uranium mines, elemental phosphorous plants, phosphogypsum stacks, and uranium mill tailings impoundments. Facilities must measure their radionuclide emissions, perform analysis or calculations per EPA procedure, and report the results to the EPA.

Information collected is used by the EPA to ensure that public health continues to be

protected from the hazards of airborne radionuclides by compliance with these standards.

Compliance is demonstrated through emissions testing and dose calculation when appropriate.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/affected entities: The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes of facilities associated with the activity of the respondents are: (1) Elemental Phosphorous—325180, (2) Phosphogypsum Stacks—212392, (3) Underground Uranium Mines—212291, and (4) Uranium Mill Tailings—212291.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory (CAA, Sec, 112; 40 CFR part 61).

Estimated number of respondents: 17 (total).

Frequency of response: Annual, or one-time depending on the source category and respondent activity.

Total estimated burden: 1,880 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b)

Total estimated cost: \$447,850 (per year), includes \$328,000 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is decrease of 1,898 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease is due to a combination of factors. Fewer facilities, particularly uranium mines, are currently active. The only operating elemental phosphorus plant has obtained a waiver from annual testing and reporting. Compared to previous estimates, the current calculation assumes that fewer phosphogypsum stacks will require radon tests in any given year. The current assumption represents an upper bound on costs due to radon testing and reporting, compared to the actual observed activities of these facilities.

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